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SUBJECT:CONVERSATION BETWEEN SECRETARY AND FONMIN VIGNES

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS OF ONE AND A HALF HOUR CONVERSATION BETWEEN SECRETARY AND ARGENTINE FONMIN VIGNES AT LUNCHEON IN DEPARTMENT MAY 8:

2. SECRETARY EXPRESSED REGRET AND DISAPPOINTMENT HE UNABLE VISIT ARGENTINA IN APRIL. HE SAID POSTPONEMENT DUE TO EVENTS HE COULD NOT FORESEE, NOT TO ANY LACK OF INTEREST. HE SAID HE PLANNED RESCHEDULE VISIT IN AUGUST, IF THAT SATISFACTORY. VIGNES REPLIED THAT HE AWARE VERY GREAT PROBLEMS COMPELLING SECRETARY REMAIN IN U.S. LAST MONTH AND THAT VISIT IN AUGUST WOULD BE WELCOME.

3. VIGNES SAID HE FINDS THAT SEVERAL COUNTRILS WISH REACH AGREEMENT ON AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 17 OF RIO TREATY TO GIVE EACH COUNTRY FREE HAND IN DECIDING WHETHER TO HAVE BI-LATERAL RELATIONS WITH CUBA. HE AND SECRETARY AGREED CONFIDENTIAL

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MATTER SHOULD NOT BE RESOLVED DURING CURRENT OASGA, BUT SHOULD BE DECIDED AT SPECIAL MEETING TO BE CONVENED LATER, PERHAPS IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY AUGUST. VIGNES AGREED TO SEE WHAT HE AND OTHERS COULD DO TO ARRANGE THAT MATTER BE

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HANDLED IN THAT WAY. SECRETARY SAID THAT IF THIS COULD BE DONE, U.S. WOULD VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY TO PERMIT EACH COUNTRY TO HAVE FREEDOM OF ACTION TO DECIDE FOR ITSELF. HE ADDED THAT WHAT HE HAD SAID ABOUT HOW U.S. WOULD VOTE MUST REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

4. VIGNES AND AMBASSADOR ORFILA SPOKE OF ARGENTINA'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO GOA'S ATTEMPTS OBTAIN LOANS OF DOLS 600 MILLION FROM PRIVATE U.S. BANKS AND IBRD. VIGNES SAID GOA NEEDS USG'S QTE MORAL SUPPORT UNQTE IN ITS EFFORTS OBTAIN HELP. SECRETARY TOLD VIGNES HE COULD SAY THEY HAD DISCUSSED ARGENTINA'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND THAT SECRETARY PROMISED U.S. MORAL SUPPORT IN OBTAINING ASSISTANCE, BUT THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO IMPRESSION GIVEN THAT USG EXERCISES ANY CONTROL OVER DECISION ON LOANS, WHICH ARE FOR BANKS TO DECIDE.

5. VIGNES ALSO REFERRED TO ARGENTINA'S HOUSING PROBLEMS AND REQUESTED ADDITIONAL DOLS 100 MILLION IN HOUSING INVESTMENT GUARANTEES. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS SAID SOMETHING COULD PROBABLY BE DONE, BUT NOT THAT MUCH. VIGNES SAID HE HOPED THERE COULD BE FAVORABLE DECISION ON THIS BEFORE HE LEFT WASHINGTON.

6. VIGNES SAID ARGENTINA WOULD SUPPORT PARAGUAYAN FONMIN SAPENA PASTOR FOR ELECTION AS OAS SECRETARY GENERAL ON FIRST BALLOT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PERSONAL COMMITMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT PERON TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER. ON SECOND BALLOT, ARGENTINA WOULD SUPPORT ITS OWN CANDIDATE (ORFILA) WHO WILL BE NOMINATED BY ANOTHER COUNTRY. VIGNES ASKED WHETHER U.S. WOULD SUPPORT ARGENTINE CANDIDATE. SECRETARY REPLIED THAT U.S. WILL NOT OPPOSE ARGENTINE CANDIDATE. WE WON'T SUPPORT ANY OTHER CANDIDATE. SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD TALK TO OTHER FONMINS AND NOT MAKE DECISION UNTIL HE TALKED TO VIGNES AGAIN SATURDAY EVENING.

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7. VIGNES AND ORFILA REFERRED BRIEFLY TO CIVIL AVIATION PROBLEMS, STATING THAT THEY HAD FOUND SOME RIGIDITIES ON PART OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN DEALING WITH CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS AND THAT THEY HOPED MORE FLEXIBILITY COULD BE INTRODUCED. SECRETARY SAID WE'LL DO BEST WE CAN.

8. VIGNES RAISED MALVINAS ISLANDS, EXPRESSING HOPE THAT STATEMENT DRAFTED IN BUENOS AIRES FOR INCLUSION IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE TO HAVE BEEN ISSUED ON SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE, COULD BE RELEASED. SECRETARY SAID WE'D SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE. VIGNES SAID ARGENTINA DID NOT INTEND RAISE MALVINAS AT OASGA, BUT IF ANYONE ELSE RAISED SIMILAR ISSUE, HE WOULD HAVE TO MENTION MALVINAS.

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9. AMBASSADOR ORFILA RAISED QUESTION OF ARGENTINA'S CREDIT WORTHINESS IN U.S., STATING HE HAD HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH CONTROLLER GENERAL ABOUT THIS BUT NONETHELESS BANK EXAMINERS IN FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT OF NEW YORK CONTINUE LIST ARGENTINA AS QTE PROBLEMATIC. UNQTE SECRETARY SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT CAN BE DONE, BUT PROMISED TO CALL TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON.

10. VIGNES SAID PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE RAISED IN OASGA, BUT ONLY TO REQUEST PROGRESS REPORT. SECRETARY SAID WE HAVE DIFFICULT DOMESTIC SITUATION IN U.S. IT WON'T DO PANAMANIAN FONMIN TACK ANY GOOD TO GET AGREEMENT WITH US IF U.S. CONGRESS OBJECTS TO IT, SO WE HAVE TO BRING CONGRESS ALONG WITH US, AND THAT ISN'T EASY. NONETHELESS, WE'RE TRYING TO GET TREATY NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETED SOONEST.

11. VIGNES CHARACTERIZED CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHILE AS QTE DELICATE. UNQTE HE SAID AGREEMENT REACHED IN 1971 TO REFER BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE TO UK ARBITRATOR HAD NOT BEEN WELL RECEIVED IN ARGENTINA, AND THAT HE ATTEMPTING TO SUGGEST THAT MATTER BE SETTLED BY DIRECT NEGOTIATION BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND CHILE. SECRETARY SAID WE WELCOME IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND THAT WE DON'T THINK IT DESIRABLE TO OSTRACIZE CHILE. KISSINGER

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